

AUTUMN.

They have come—the autumn days,
When the red sun's hastened rays
Glow in the sky, and the
triumph of the leaf and hue
That the summer never knew.
And pierce the thicket through
Where I stand,

In the spring, content in green,
All the leaves at my feet,
And the birds,
Never eat, nor drink,
Nature's vestige will brighten
Everywhere.

At the view is clearer now;
Dead, the boughs on the tree,
Bare, thin, & tall,
And the song is in sight,
Piping the brightening light,
When the sun will set at night.

And the psalms—
Dishonored—
When the morn of the day
Last the sun in from above,
Soft and bright,
And I see the world around
That the Sun is to be kind,
In its light.

For just a winter's snow
Gilds the green,
Of the leaf,
And the view is brighter
Let the winter come again.

From frost—

So bright it is to be,
When the sun is to the right
Of the tree,
Had their leaves and fruits
From purest buds,
Like snow.

We may find a greater view,
With a wider passage through,
And that is to be known,
When peace is truly to be,
Is the best.

—*Leisure.*

FARM AND FOREST.

Sick Animals.

One of our most skilled veterinary surgeons says the best remedy for very many kinds of sickness by which domestic animals are afflicted, is a good dose of glandular salts, sulphate of soda, while at the same time it is recommended by inexpensive. The usual dose, as a purgative, is as follows:

Horses, one to two pounds.
Cattle, one half to one pound.
Sheep and dogs, three to five ounces.
Pigs, one to two ounces.

In these doses it is always necessary to give it as a drench, dissolved in two or three times its weight of water; but when given to horses in smaller doses as a cathartic, diuretic or laxative, it is generally readily taken dissolved in part of a pint of water.

The Game of Farming.

The glory of the farmer is that, in the division of labors, it is his part to create. All trade rests not on his primitive activity. He stands close to nature; he obtains from the earth the blood and the meat. The food which is not he causes to be. The first farmer was the first man, and all historic industry rests on production and use of food. Men do not like hard work, but every man has an exceptional respect for tillage, and a feeling that this is the original calling of his race, that he himself is only excused from it by circumstance which made him delegate it to some other hands. He has not some skill which recommends him to the farmer, some product for which the farmer will give him credit, he must himself return into the place among the plants. And the produce has in all eyes a dismal charm as standing nearest to God, the first cause.—*Emerson.*

Strawberries.

How shall I treat my strawberry beds and plants? A question that concerns almost every man. Although this has been given often still it seems we must repeat. If your bed has grown up with weeds, so as to endanger the plants by putting them up in a seedy and new them off as close as possible without cutting off any of the strawberry leaves. If there are but few weeds in the bed, clean them out and keep off all the runners, unless wanted for planting. From the first of September, to the end of October, will do to transplant—but the sooner the better. If carefully set out now, all runners that may start out from growing, and carefully cover when winter sets in, a very fair crop may be expected next season.

When transplanting if the soil should be any way dry, the plants should be well watered, then covered for a few days with a little fine hay loosely shaken over them, after which they will live, unless continued drought occur—then, like everything else, they need watering.

A Cheap Hanging Basket.

When you eat peaches so not throw away the stones; save them until you have a considerable quantity. Soak them in water a few hours, to loosen the fruit remaining in the shells; then scrub them clean with an old tooth brush, and split them in two. Now take an old two quart tin basin; punch three or more holes near the rim for suspending cords, and one at the center of the bottom for drainage. Paint the basin inside or coat it with melted resin, to prevent rust, and cover the outside of it with putty. Press the peach stones into the putty on the outside—putting the largest ones on the bottom, and taking care not to cover the hole for drainage. Now cover the hole with a little asphaltum dissolved in spirits of turpentine. When the putty is dry you will have a handsome and unique hanging basket resembling carved work, rich enough to repay you well for your trouble.

Dressing Sheep Skins for Mats, Rugs, Etc.

Make a strong soap, using hot water; when it is cold wash the skins in it to get the dirt out of the wool; then wash the soap out with clean cold water. For two skins dissolve alum and salt, of each half a pound, with a little hot water, which put into a tub of cold water sufficient to cover the skins, soaking twelve hours; then hang over a pole to drain; when well drained, spread or stretch carefully on a board to dry, taking them down if necessary. When yet a little damp, have one ounce each of saltpetre and alum, pulverized, and sprinkle over the flesh side of the skin, rubbing it well; then lay the flesh side together and hang in the shade for two or three days, turning the underskin upmost every day, until perfectly dry; then scrape the flesh side with a blunt knife, to remove any remaining scraps of flesh, trim off projecting points, and rub with pumice and rotten stone, and with the hand.

Peach Trees.

A peach tree planted and left to itself soon becomes a loose, straggling tree, and it is unreasonable to expect the best fruit from such neglected trees. They should be headed back at least every second year, thereby giving the tree more strength, rendering it less liable to break down, lessening the crop so that

the fruit will be finer, and finally rendering the crop more easily gathered.

High Farmland.

A gentleman writes asking the Register to explain the meaning of "high farming." He says he understands all about "high-falutin'" and "high-living," and "high-old-times"; but high farming, a term now often used, is something he does not exactly understand. We refer him to the following from the New York Observer, a good religious paper, and therefore good authority with all good people:

High farming is a system of tillage and farm management that is self-sustaining, a system that takes the bare land, the domestic animals, the farm implements and machinery, and cultivates the soil, sustains the family and the animals, pays the annual taxes, defrays the expenses incident to the improvements that must be made on the farms; and after one, two or three decades of years, leaves every acre in a far better state of fertility than the soil was at the beginning.—*Middle Register.*

Painting Flower Pots.

Last season I had a pretty arrangement in my front yard which was much admired, as things of beauty. When the winter's wood was hauled to the house, there were some hollow logs amongst it. These were sawed off about eighteen inches long; the decayed wood from the inside was scraped out, then filled with rich earth and manure. In the center I had a rosebush, and next more pink; on the outer edge I set slips of ivy, and Wandering Jew; in one I raised some sweet peas. The plants all grew nicely, and they were certainly beautiful ornaments; a source of pleasure to myself, and admiration to passers-by. These little arrangements are but trifling, but anything that makes home pleasant and enjoyable is worth spending about and trying for; and trifles add much either to our happiness, or discomfort, all through life. *Buzzard House.*

avariciousness of other classes. We complain of the manner in which we are imposed upon by those who compel us to pay extravagant prices for what we want to buy, and who in turn give us but small compensation for our labor. We must make our intelligence as a class equal to that of others. We must prepare ourselves to fill the responsible positions in society, and then farms will exert an influence more in proportion to their numbers and the vast industry which they represent. Farmers are not lacking in natural intelligence. Their minds are strong, and many often surprise themselves and follow men by their accomplishments when they have been called into positions which have afforded them the discipline and culture which also were wanted to develop their good qualities. If we were very shy of investing in patent rights and making stocks and all attempts to get rich suddenly, and would put a little money every year into books and first-class papers, we would find ourselves growing stronger and attaining a higher position of influence in society and public affairs.

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It is ominous to paint flower stands on which flower pots are to stand, a bright green color, but the artist would never advise that color for the purpose, as the brilliancy of the paint has an injurious effect upon the colors of the flowers and the leaves. Therefore when a flower stand is to be painted, it will be best to choose a dull color, if the flowers are to be the prominent feature.

A rich brown, chocolate, oak, black walnut, orumber color will harmonize well, and leave the green of the plants and leaves will appear richer and more pleasing to the eye.

Keep Sheep.

Every farmer should keep sheep, whether wood is high or low. They are the most profitable stock he can raise. They will eat and live upon what other stock will not eat, unless forced to. They will exterminate weeds, undergrowth, etc., from the farm, while the older stock will not. With proper care and management they will add double to their numbers yearly. They afford fine meat for the future table, with little trouble. All farmers should raise more sheep, and fewer worthless cows. They will find them more profitable.

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